

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT of the Medical Officer of Health for 1942.

"Fairford",
Exmouth.
31st March, 1944.

To the Chairman and Members,

There has been some delay in the presentation of this Report and for obvious reasons it has been necessary to curtail it, but it has been prepared on the lines indicated in Circular 2773 issued by the Ministry of Health on the 10th March 1943.

All records, including the statistics supplied by the Registrar-General, have been kept and a more detailed Report will be submitted on the cessation of hostilities.

SECTION "C". Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water. A continuous supply of pure potable water is provided and the chemical and bacteriological analyses are invariably satisfactory. No new sources of supply have been requisitioned.

Drainage and Sewerage. The water carriage system is operative throughout the District and no complaints regarding its efficiency have been reported.

SECTION "E". Inspection and Supervision of Food.

During the year, visits were made to premises dealing with the production and distribution of Food. No infringements of the statutory Regulations were disclosed.

SECTION "F". Prevalence and Control over Infectious Disease.

One case of Chicken-pox and one of Cerebro-spinal Fever were notified. The latter, a male, arrived in the District from London, the date of onset of the Disease being the 8th August 1942.

Tuberculosis. Three cases were notified, two females aged 24 and 32 respectively, and one male, aged 39, holding the rank of L/Telegraphist in the Royal Navy.

Venereal Disease. No case was reported.

Diphtheria. The immunisation of Children, from one year of age to fifteen, was continued. The attendances and results were eminently satisfactory and no unpleasant reactions were reported.

The "two injection" method was adopted. A.P.T. was used, the doses being those recommended by the Ministry of Health, viz. 0.1 for the first and 0.3 for the second injection. Strict anti-septic precautions were taken, including a separate sterilised needle for each individual.

The last case of Diphtheria to be notified in this Area occurred in February 1931.

Pediculosis. Many children and some adults evacuated into the District were found to be infected by head lice. A clinic was opened and with the help of trained personnel and adequate equipment, satisfactory results in treatment were soon apparent.

I am, Madam and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

CLARENCE BEESLEY,

Medical Officer of Health.

